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<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u> This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-9. (Cancelled).
- 10. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic A hydraulic unit for a hydraulic regulation device, in particular for slip-controlled motor vehicle brake systems, comprising several hydraulic, mechanical and electrically operable functional elements arranged at an accommodating member, especially accumulation elements, valve elements, pressure-generation and driving elements, comprising several pressure fluid channels interconnecting the functional elements and capable of providing a hydraulically switchable connection between at least one pressure fluid source and one pressure fluid consumer, as well as comprising a connection to a control device for actuating the functional elements, and comprising at least one cavity associated with at least one functional element and disposing of means for bleeding, wherein the unit further comprising two connecting channels arranged as one through-bore through the accommodating member, the two connecting channels leading that lead into the ambience an atmosphere and being are provided with closing devices arranged opposite each other at opposite lateral surfaces of the accommodating member, which hinder the ingress of fluid into the cavity and allow ventilation of the cavity and a discharge of leakage fluid into the ambience atmosphere.
- 11. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the connecting channels include closing devices, which principally adopt a closing position, and in that the closing devices alternately are movable into an open position.
- 12. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 10 with connecting channels that include wherein the closing devices, which principally adopt a closing position, and the closing devices alternately are movable into an open position, and wherein the closing devices are designed as non-return valves movable to adopt an open position as a result of a pressure difference between the cavity and ambience the atmosphere.

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- 13. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic A hydraulic unit for a hydraulic regulation device, in particular for slip-controlled motor vehicle brake systems, comprising several hydraulic, mechanical and electrically operable functional elements arranged at an accommodating member, especially accumulation elements, valve elements, pressure generation and driving elements, comprising several pressure fluid channels interconnecting the functional elements and capable of providing a hydraulically switchable connection between at least one pressure fluid source and one pressure fluid consumer, as well as comprising a connection to a control device for actuating the functional elements, and comprising at least one cavity associated with at least one functional element and disposing of means for bleeding, and two connecting channels arranged as one throughbore through the accommodating member, the two connecting channels leading that lead into the ambience atmosphere and being are provided with closing devices, which hinder the ingress of fluid into the cavity and allow ventilation of the cavity and a discharge of leakage fluid into the ambience atmosphere, the closing devices being arranged opposite each other at opposite lateral surfaces of the accommodating member, wherein a closing device opening in the direction of the cavity is associated with the first connecting channel one of said connecting channels so that pressure compensation in the cavity takes place due to the passage of atmospheric air, and wherein associated with the second connecting channel is a closing device [[,]] which opens in the direction of the ambience an atmosphere and through which air and/or leakage fluid is discharged into the ambience atmosphere.
- 14. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 13, wherein an air-permeable and fluid-impermeable diaphragm is associated with the closing device of the first connecting channel.
- 15. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 13, having an airpermeable and fluid-impermeable diaphragm which is associated with the closing device
  of the first connecting channel, wherein the air-permeable and fluid-impermeable
  diaphragm is arranged in front of the closing device of the first connecting channel in the
  forward direction.
- 16. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 15,

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wherein the air-permeable and fluid-impermeable diaphragm in combination with the closing device of the first connecting channel is provided as a modular unit and is attached to a component of the hydraulic unit.

- 17. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the connecting channels open into accommodating bores for the closing devices, and in that the closing devices are inserted into the accommodating bores in a form-fit or frictionally engaged manner.
- 18. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 13, wherein the closing device opening in the direction of the ambience atmosphere comprises a diaphragm and is positioned at the accommodating member in such a fashion that a weight of a defined quantity of accumulated leakage fluid invokes an opening movement of the diaphragm.